



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Denise L. Faustman

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Entitled: METHOD FOR INHIBITING TRANSPLANT  
REJECTION

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EXAMINER: V. Afremova

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Washington, DC 20231

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued October 9, 2002, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement of restriction for the reasons set forth below. A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), together with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), making the new response deadline December 9, 2002.

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action at page 2, the Examiner has presented a four-way restriction of Applicant's invention, as between:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method for inhibiting a mammalian donor tissue rejection comprising *in vivo* transplantation of a mammalian donor tissue treated with an enzyme;
- II. Claims 15-23, drawn to a method of making a mammalian donor tissue suitable for transplantation by treating the tissue with papain;
- III. Claims 24-26, drawn to a mammalian tissue treated with enzyme;
- IV. Claims 27-37, drawn to a transplantation pack comprising an untreated donor tissue suitable for transplantation and an enzyme solution.

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